

## OPINION 1723

***Carabus mollis* Marsham, 1802 (currently *Calathus mollis*; Insecta, Coleoptera): specific name conserved**

### Ruling

(1) Under the plenary powers the specific name *mollis* Ström, 1768, as published in the binomen *Carabus mollis*, and all uses of the name *Carabus mollis* prior to that by Marsham, 1802, are hereby suppressed for the purposes of both the Principle of Priority and the Principle of Homonymy.

(2) The name *mollis* Marsham, 1802, as published in the binomen *Carabus mollis* and as defined by the lectotype designated by Aukema & Luff (1992), is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology.

(3) The name *mollis* Ström, 1768, as published in the binomen *Carabus mollis* and as suppressed in (1) above, is hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Specific Names in Zoology.

### History of Case 2782

An application for the conservation of the specific name of *Carabus mollis* Marsham, 1802 was received from Drs B. Aukema (*Plant Protection Service, Wageningen, The Netherlands*) and M.L. Luff (*University of Newcastle upon Tyne, U.K.*) on 9 July 1990. After correspondence the case was published in BZN 49: 28–29 (March 1992). Notice of the case was sent to appropriate journals.

It was noted on the voting paper that the lectotype designation for *Calathus mollis* (Marsham, 1802) dated from its publication by Aukema & Luff (1992) in BZN 49: 28 and not from 'Aukema 1990' as recorded on the specimen label (para. 2 of the application).

### Decision of the Commission

On 1 December 1992 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN 49: 28–29. At the close of the voting period on 1 March 1993 the votes were as follows:

Affirmative votes — 29: Bayer, Bock, Bouchet, Cocks, Cogger, Corliss, Dupuis, Hahn, Halvorsen, Heppell, Holthuis, Kabata, Kraus, Lehtinen, Macpherson, Mahnert, Martins de Souza, Minelli, Nielsen, Nye, Ride, Savage, Schuster, Starobogatov, Štys, Thompson, Trjapitzin, Uéno, Willink

Negative votes — none.

### Original references

The following are the original references to the names placed on an Official List and an Official Index by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

*mollis*, *Carabus*, Marsham, 1802, *Coleoptera Britannica*....., vol. 2, p. 456.

*mollis*, *Carabus*, Ström, 1768, *Kongelige Norske Videnskabers Selskabs Skrifter*, 4: 330.

The following is the reference for the designation of the lectotype of *Carabus mollis* Marsham, 1802:

Aukema, B. & Luff, M.L. 1992. BZN 49: 28.